Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The National Federation of the Blind of South Dakota is a vital advocacy group that represents the interests of thousands of blind citizens statewide; and,

WHEREAS, This invaluable organization is an effective voice of the blind for it seeks to enhance the dignity and increase the independence of our state's visually handicapped; and,

WHEREAS, As the largest organization of the blind in America, the NFB strives to educate the public about the capabilities of the sightless; they are a group of individuals who see themselves not as blind people, but as people who just happen to be blind; and,

WHEREAS, The National Federation of the Blind of South Dakota is a group whose blind members don't ask for sympathy, but for empathy . . . they wish not to be pampered, for they only desire to be given a chance to prove how much they CAN do and how little they can't do; and,

WHEREAS, The NFB not only seeks to educate the sighted, but works as well to inform the visually handicapped of their rights and of the many services available to them:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, in recognition of their annual state convention, do hereby proclaim May, 1982, as

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in South Dakota. As citizens of this great State, it is important we all recognize the blind as fellow human beings who desire only to live full, rich lives in dignity and equality.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capiral City, this Twenty-sixth Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hunored and Eighty-Two

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE